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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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In re Applications of

MM DOCKET NO. 93-126

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA FOUNDATION OF

File No. BPED-910924MC

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION (Channel 210A)

Bryan, Texas

BRAZOS EDUCATIONAL RADIO

File No. BPED-920413MF

(Channel 209) College Station, Texas

For Construction Permit for a New Noncommercial Educational FM Station

To: Administrative Law Judge

John M. Frysiak

MASS MEDIA BUREAU'S COMMENTS ON PETITION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND, GRANT OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATION OF PROCEEDING

- 1. On July 16, 1993, Brazos Educational Radio ("Brazos") filed a Petition for Leave to Amend, Grant of Applications and Termination of Proceeding. The Mass Media Bureau submits the following comments in support.
- 2. Brazos seeks to amend its technical proposal in order to eliminate the mutual exclusivity between its application and the application of Educational Media Foundation of Bryan/College Station ("EMF"). To that end, Brazos proposes a new transmitter site and a new operating channel, Channel 206. The Mass Media Bureau has reviewed Brazos' amendment and has determined that it conforms with the Commission's technical rules. In addition, the Bureau submits that Brazos has shown good cause for

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- •acceptance of its amendment. Although the amendment is voluntary, its acceptance will eliminate the mutual exclusivity between Brazos and EMF and thus eliminate the need for a comparative hearing between them. 1
- 3. Accordingly, the Bureau submits that Brazos' petition for leave to amend, grant of applications and termination of proceeding should be granted; that the Brazos application as amended, and the EMF application should be granted; and that this proceeding should be terminated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brazos' amendment does not constitute a "major change because it is a post-designation amendment." See Amendment of Part 73 - Withdrawal of Major Amendments, 5 FCC Rcd 2993, 2995 n. 10 (1990). In addition, and as argued by Brazos, the change by Brazos to Channel 206 is permissible because an application for that channel would have received cut-off protection had it been filed in response to the Public Notice advising of the acceptance of the Brazos and EMF applications. See Sacramento Community Radio, Inc., FCC 93-294, released June 15, 1993, at paras. 7-8.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Michelle C. Mebane, secretary of the Hearing Branch, Mass Media Bureau, certifies that she has on this 27th day of July, 1993, sent by regular United States mail, U.S. Government frank, copies of the foregoing "Mass Media Bureau's Comments on Petition for Leave to Amend, Grant of Applications and Termination of Proceeding" to:

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